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TRAINING TO ARTISANS OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to impart training to the artisans of the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the funds proposed to be provided by the Government for the implementation of the said scheme; and

(d) the extent to which the artisans of the North-Eastern region are likely to be benefited from the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a): Training is being imparted to small scale entrepreneurs including artisans of the North Eastern Region by the various Organisations of the Government of India through a number of on going Schemes.

(b) & (c): The on-going Schemes for training small scale entrepreneurs including artisans inter-alia include Schemes run by.

1. Ministry of Small Scale Industries. They are

i) Entrepreneurship Development Training

ii) Management Development Training

iii) Skill Development Training

These Schemes are being operated by the field Institutions ofthe Ministry of Small Scale Industries. During the currentfinancial year, the Ministry of Small Scale Industries has allocated Rs. 15 lakhs for meeting expenditure on the above training programmes.

2. The Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries. They are

i) Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana, under which training isprovided to entrepreneurs including artisans for managing their enterprises, Funds to the tune of Rs. 1.05 crores have been earmarked during the current financial year.

ii) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under whichtraining is provided to entrepreneurs including artisans in spinning/weaving of silk including muga silk, processing of fruits & vegetables, bee keeping, agarbatti & candle making, hand-made paper making, furniture from cane & bamboo and other utility items, etc. The Ministry of ARI has earmarked a Budget f Rs.311.21 lakhs for the current financial year.

3 . Ministry of Textiles through the Offices of the DevelopmentCommissioner (Handloom) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for training entrepreneurs including artisans in weaving, dyeing, designing as well as in the manufacture of handicrafts. Development Commissioner (Handloom) has earmarked a Budget of Rs. 4.5 lakhs while Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has earmarked a Budget of Rs. 14 lakhs during the current financial year.

(d): The training imparted by the various Departments toentrepreneurs including artisans in the North Eastern Region aimat upgrading their knowledge & skills for setting up and effectively managing their small/tiny scale enterprises.